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1. The following air activity was observed at Grossenhain airfield between 18 January and 27 February 1954:

18 to 22 January. Individual and formation flights were repeatedly observed over the field. From the sound of engines heard, source inferred that the flights were made by swept-back jet aircraft.

23 and 24 January. No air activity was observed.

25 to 29 January. Every day, there was air activity by swept-back jet aircraft. Also at night and sometimes until after midnight, swept-back jet aircraft were aloft, while the flare path was switched on. The usual searchlights were in operation.

19 February. Between 9:30 a.m. and 3 p.m., individual and formation flights were made by MiG-15 or U-MiG-15s which took off at intervals of 5 to 10 minutes. After nightfall, two searchlights were in operation; aircraft repeatedly flew in the beams of the searchlights. 1

20 February. Between 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., individual flights were observed. The visibility was good. At 10:30 a.m., two swept-back jet aircraft collided in mid-air with their wings. The pilots leaped out of the aircraft; however, the parachutes did not open. The burials took place on 23 February. This possibly was the reason why activity was stopped at the field until after 23 February. 2

24 February. At 1 p.m., individual and formation flights were made by MiG-15 or U-MiG-15s. There were no clouds and visibility was good.

25 February. Between 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m., there was air activity. Visibility was good.

26 February. Between 9:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., individual flights were conducted. After 6:30 p.m., searchlights were in operation; however, no air activity was observed.

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27 February. Between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., there was air activity by individual aircraft and by aircraft flying in flight formation.

2. On 5 February, a column of 12 trucks, each towing a gun on pneumatic wheels, proceeded from the direction of Zeithain toward the airfield. 1

25X1A 1. ☐ Comment. Grossenhain airfield is occupied by a fighter division headquarters and two fighter regiments equipped with a total of about 60 MiG-15s. There was intensive air activity during the period under review. Noteworthy are the practice flights made in the beams of searchlights.

25X1A 2. ☐ Comment. The mid-air collision of two MiG-15s has not been confirmed as yet but is believed to be true.

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